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1. ON JULY 29, 1974, THE PRESIDENT AUTHORIZED STATE, IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES, TO CONDUCT PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER PARTIES TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE OF THE IDEA THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN INTERNATIONALLY AGREED APPROACH TO THE ISSUES OF COMMERCIAL EXPLORATION FOR AND EXPLOITATION OF ANTARCTIC MINERAL RESOURCES.

2. THESE EXPLORATORY CONSULTATIONS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PRESERVE THE U.S. INTERESTS AND IN NO WAY PREJUDICE ANY OPTIONS REGARDING THE POSSIBLE NATURE AND SCOPE OF INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS, UNDERSTANDINGS, OR AGREEMENTS PERTAINING TO ANATARTIC MINERAL RESOURCES, THE RESULTS OF EXPLORATORY CONSULTATIONS WILL ASSIST THE U.S. TO PREPARE FOR THE EIGHTH ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN OSLO IN APRIL 1975, AND TO CONTINUE ITS REVIEW OF POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO THE ISSUES OF ANTARTIC MINERAL RESOURCES.

3. WE PROPOSE AN INITIAL ROUND OF INFORMAL WORKING-LEVEL TALKS IN LONDON, OSLO, BRUSSELS, AND PARIS DURING WEEK OF OCTOBER 7 PRIOR TO PREP COM MEETING IN OSLO (SEE REFTEL) BETWEEN U.S. REPS TO PREP COM AND HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE CONTEXT OF A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF PREP COM ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING ANTARCTIC MINERAL RESOURCES.

5. WE WILL REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS AFTER ITINERARY DECIDED AND U.S. REPS DESIGNATED. KISSINGER

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